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INFORMATION RELEASE

ROCKFORD, Ill. – On Thursday, June 11, 2015, Patrol Officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to the parking lot of the Wal-Mart store, 3849 Northridge Dr., in reference to a welfare check. When they arrived they located a 72-year-old victim, **Harland Dascher Jr.**, bleeding from apparent stab wounds. The victim was transported to a local hospital by the Fire Department ambulance where he died as a result of his injuries. The name of the victim is not being released at this time pending family notification. Detectives from District 3 are conducting a follow up investigation into the incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Rockford Police Department or CrimeStoppers.

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September 12, 2016

UPDATE ARREST RELEASE

ROCKFORD, Ill. – Detectives from the Rockford Police Department conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident and suspect information was shared with area law enforcement agencies. On June 14, 2015 the suspect, 55-year-old Steven Pritchett, was arrested by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police on unrelated charges. Based on the information that had been shared, the Sheriff's Department contacted Rockford Police Department investigators for further follow-up.

The results of the subsequent investigation were reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. As a result, on July 11, 2016, Pritchett was charged with First Degree Murder after being indicted by a Winnebago County Grand Jury.

All charges are merely allegations and parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.





The Rockford Police Department would like to thank the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police for their assistance in this investigation.

The suspect is currently lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. A photo of Pritchett is attached.

No further information is available for release at this time. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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